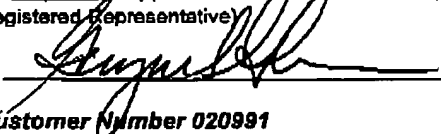


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Applicant(s): James A. Michener Date: May 30, 2006
Serial No: 09/345,659 Group Art Unit: 2626
Filed: June 30, 1999 Examiner: Michael N. Opsasnick
Title: DELIVERY AND TRANSMISSION OF DOLBY DIGITAL
AC-3 OVER TELEVISION BROADCAST

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully requests and petitions for a **one-month** extension of time up to and including June 1, 2006, to respond to the Official action mailed on January 31, 2006, and to the Advisory action mailed April 27, 2006.

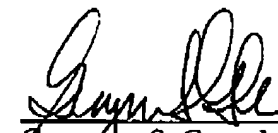
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The fee for the one-month extension of time is \$120.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the required fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383, of The DIRECTV Group, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,



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